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REMARKS

The specification has been amended above to make reference to parent International Application No. PCT/JP00/01024 (filed February 23, 2000) and Japanese Patent Application No. 11-047095 (filed February 24, 1999), from which International Application No. PCT/JP00/01024 claims benefit.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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